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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3926

INFO AMEMBASSY HELSINKI IMMEDIATE

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FOR AID/FDRC

HELSINKI FOR PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: DIASASTER RELIEF - ROMANIA FLOOD

REF: STATE 175005

1. WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF POSSIBLE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RAISED REFTEL BECAUSE OF ABSENCE
FROM BUCHAREST OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER EMIL DRAGANESCU.
AMBASSADOR AND DRAGANESCU MET THIS AFTERNOON. AMBASSADOR
SPELLED OUT TYPES OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE US
MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER AND MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF ONE OR TWO
US EXPERTS COMING TO ROMANIA ONCE THE AREAS OF ROMANIAN
INTEREST IN SUCH ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN CLARIFIED. WE LEFT
DRAGANESCU A LIST OF TYPES OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ASSIS-
TANCE TAKEN FROM DISASTER RELIEF HANDBOOK. AMBASSADOR
STRESSED THIS WAS AN INDICATION OF THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE
BUT JUST WHAT ASSISTANCE COULD BE OFFERED WOULD DEPEND
ON FURTHER DETERMINATION OF TYPES OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED AND
US ABILITY TO HELP THEREIN.

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2. DRAGANESCU FOR HIS PART WAS PREPARED FOR THE

CONVERSATION AND MADE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

A. GOR WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN A SET OF CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF LAND RECLAMATION FLOOD CONTROL STANDARDS.

B. A SET OF TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING SPECIFICATIONS FOR DISASTER PREDICTION AND WARNING SYSTEMS FOR A MOUNTAINOUS AREA RIVER BASIN COVERING TWO OR THREE THOUSAND SQUARE KILOMETERS.

C. US CONSIDERATION AS A GIFT OF EQUIPMENT FOR TWO OR THREE SUCH SYSTEMS.

(IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATTER POINT, DRAGANESCU HALF SERIOUSLY SUGGESTED APPROVAL BY PRESIDENT FORD OF SUCH A GIFT WOULD BE A VERY MEANINGFUL GESTURE DURING HIS STOP IN BUCHAREST.

WE THINK THERE IS AT LEAST A FAIR CHANCE PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU MAY TOUCH ON POSSIBLE FLOOD ASSISTANCE DURING HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD.)

D. VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES TO STUDY FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS BY ROMANIAN EXPERTS.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT ROMANIAN SIDE WOULD STUDY THE INFORMATION WE HAD PROVIDED AND THAT WE WOULD PASS ON INITIAL ROMANIAN REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. DRAGANESCU MENTIONED THAT ROMANIAN PLANNING EFFORTS WERE NOW CONCENTRATING ON DEVELOPING FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR THE SEVERAL RIVER BASINS WHICH HAD CREATED THE MOST HAVOC DURING LAST MONTH'S FLOOD - ARGES, DIMBOVITA, BUZAU AND IALOMITA. THEY HOPED TO HAVE THEIR PLANS COMPLETED BY LATE OCTOBER/EARLY NOVEMBER. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT, ASSUMING IT HAD BEEN DETERMINED THAT US MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE, US MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEND ONE OR TWO EXPERTS TO EVALUATE PROBLEMS AND ASSIST GOR IN DEVELOPING ITS PLANS THEN ALONG LINES REFTEL PRIOR TO THEIR BEING IN FINAL FORM.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY WORD FROM AID/FDRC ABOUT PROVISION OF STANDARDS AND PLANS MENTIONED IN SUBPARAS 2.A. AND 2.B. AS WELL AS INDICATION WHETHER US COULD BE IN POSITION TO PROVIDE ANY EQUIPMENT FOR PREDICTION AND WARNING SYSTEMS AT SOME STAGE. BARNES

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